

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

September 27, 2011

To: Chair Mursau and Members of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee
From: George Meyer, Executive Director, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Subject: Positions on Bills/Rules Before the Committee on September 28, 2011

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation will not be at your September 28, 2011 Committee Hearing and Executive Session because of a conflict with the Natural Resources Board Meeting being held in Kenosha at the same time. Please consider the following positions on the matters before you at the hearing.

Executive Session. The Wildlife Federation supports Amendment 1 to AB 165, the lawn fertilizer display bill. This is a reasonable solution to the differing positions on the bill and will allow the state to go forward in reducing unwanted fertilizer in our lakes and streams.

Public Hearing:

1. **Clearinghouse Rule 11-030**----These rule changes are very minor and technical in nature and there is no known sportsmen's opposition to the changes. The Committee should be aware that in the future even these minor, uncontroversial and needed changes will take between two and three years to adopt because of the complexity and red tape built into Act 21, the new administrative rule law.
2. **Clearinghouse Rule 11-031**----The Federation has no position on this rule.
3. **Clearinghouse Rule 11-032**----The Federation strongly supports this rule, which are the regulations for the 2011 Waterfowl Season in Wisconsin. The DNR had extensive hunter involvement in the rule. These regulations need to be done by Emergency Rule since the US Fish and Wildlife Federation does not set the season framework until early August. The waterfowl season is currently underway in the state.
4. **Assembly Bill 231**----The Wildlife Federation strongly supports this bill. Bird hunting preserves play a major hunting role for Wisconsin sportsmen for species such as pheasants, partridge and quail which have faced diminished wild populations. Often new housing developments move to within sound distance of such facilities and the new neighbors then try to curtail the use of such facilities because of noise and other considerations. The Federation believes that the same

protections that we have for shooting ranges in Wisconsin should be extended to shooting preserves.

5. **Assembly Bill 234**----The Wildlife Federation also strongly supports this bill. Urban areas that do not allow hunting have become refuges for deer in this state causing property damage and auto accidents. Also not allowing hunting in these areas results in the inability of DNR to maintain the deer population within the prescribed goals for the area. Often communities engage in expensive methods of controlling the deer population. This bill provides hunting opportunities for Wisconsin sportsmen and women and does so in a manner that is safe for urban populations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the input of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation to these hunting policy changes.

Robert Hungerford

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Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 3:44 PM
Attach: ATT00018.htm
Subject: Re: 2011AMENDMENT 231- 2nd copy with contacts
 Representative Mursau

The Assembly Bill 231 introduced by you and Representative Kleefisch is a disguise to put bird hunting preserves{game farms} to be considered sport shooting ranges under 169.19. This is an attempt again to take control away from Town Boards who are protecting their citizens. There are 400 plus bird hunting preserves in WI. If you allow the change in wordage every game farm{bird hunting preserve}{ live birds only} would be allowed to install sporting clays, skeet and trap shooting ranges. It would also allow rifle, pistols and assault weapons a shooting range. Many of the preserves are in residential areas. The Town of Byron has been sued by Todd Cardinal owner of Hunters Point LLC and WI Bravo LLC in regards to sporting clays. Mr. Cardinal wants to install a sporting clays course of 10-13 stations with 5 posts at each. This would allow 2500-3500 shots being fired within 2 hours 5 days week all year long. This could be 15000-20000 shots a day. Hunters Point has been denied twice by the Byron Board of Appeals and denied by Judge Grimm in Fond du Lac Circuit Court. This case is still in the courts. We know Mr. Kleefisch, who is a hunter and sporting clays supporter, is trying to help the sport ranges but in the process is destroying other businesses and residential area values.

Thanks for your time and you may reach us at 920-960-2779 or email us at hungfrd@dotnet.com.

Robert and Betty Hungerford
 N3783 River Road
 Oakfield WI 53065

9/27/2011

To whom it may concern:

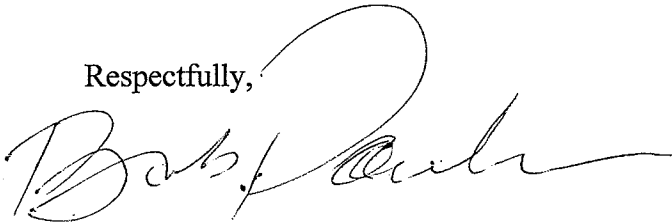
As business owners and sportsmen, it is a priority for our family to ensure a pro-business growth climate throughout the state while maintaining our heritage of hunting and fishing.

When sportsmen's clubs seek to expand, it not only creates jobs but nurtures the climate of outlets for children. Any time spent in a pheasant field is better than time spent in front of a video game.

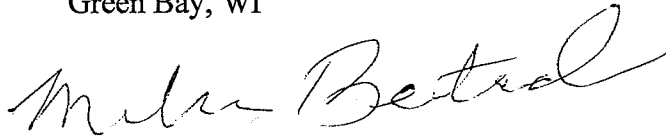
I urge this committee to support Assembly Bill 231 as it is another step towards showing that Wisconsin is open for business for the sporting community.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our thoughts.

Respectfully,

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Robert Pulaski
Pulaski Financial Services
Green Bay, WI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bertrand", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mike Bertrand
Bertrand's Point Comfort
Oconomowoc, WI

September 27, 2011, W6401 Church Road

Fond-du-Lac

Dear Sirs,

my name is Joseph Tevaarwerk and I live at W6401 Church Road in Byron, WI. My home is close to Hunters Point on County Hwy F. Hunters Point is a game farm where for a fee members from the public can hunt pheasants, chukars etc. This activity is currently limited to four months of the year.

For the last couple of years Hunters Point has been trying to get a special use permit from the Town of Byron to expand into Sporting Clays. They have applied for this twice and have twice been denied by the Byron Board of Appeals. The principal reason for the denials has been that this expanded activity would have a tremendous negative impact on the quality of life for the residents living around Hunters Point. At least 47 families living in close vicinity to Hunters Point would be affected by this activity with rapid gunshots fired during most evenings and weekends throughout the year. On both occasions most local residents signed petitions against the expansion by Hunters Point into Sporting Clays. There is very strong local opposition to this issue. The 100 signatures collected in 2009 regarding this issue are attached for your review.

My concern is with the 2011 Assembly Bill 231 which states that,

Section 1. 895.527 (1m) of the statutes is created to read;

895.527 (1m) For purposes of this section, a bird hunting preserve licensed under s.169.19 shall be considered a sport shooting range.

Under this proposed modification to Wisconsin Statute 895.527, Hunters Point would be allowed to expand, enhance or improve their property without interference from the town. Hence they could do whatever they please and completely ignore the democratic rights of local tax paying residents.

In fact, the proposed amendment would apply to any bird hunting preserve and game farm in Wisconsin. Any game farm could do as they please without regard to the local residents concern. Besides the Hunters Point issue there will likely be a lot of unintended consequences from the passage of this Assembly Bill 231.

Please do not allow Assembly Bill 231 to pass. Do the right thing for the many residents of Byron. Let the majority of local citizens decide these issues.

There is prior history with this matter when an attempt was made to include a similar amendment in the 2011 Budget Bill ABA40-ASA1 under section 2702p. Fortunately the wisdom of our elected representatives prevailed, and it was removed prior to the vote on the entire budget bill.

be well, Joseph Tevaarwerk

NEIGHBORHOOD PETITION OPPOSED TO INCREASED SHOOTING AT HUNTER'S POINT

We, the undersigned, understand that Hunter's Point Hunt Club has come back to the Town of Byron Board of Appeals requesting reconsideration of the denial for sporting clay or trapshooting ranges. We object to the increased shooting resulting from sporting clay or trap shooting ranges. We don't believe that increased shooting in this area is compatible with the agricultural and residential uses surrounding Hunter's Point Hunt Club.

Name	Address	Date
Joseph Tewaarwerk	W6401 Church Road	2009.02.25
Mary Tewaarwerk	W6401 Church Rd	2009 02 25
Jane Christian	W6402 Church Rd	Feb 25, 2009
Bobbie Willis	W6367 Church Rd	2-25-09
Clair Reidel	N3702 Hickory Rd	2-25-09
Tim Shaffer	W6449 CTY F	2-25-09
Anne Shaffer	W6449 CTY F	2-25-09
Bahar Benke	W6158 Church Rd	2-26-09
John Reinicke	W6158 " " "	2-26-09
Frank Tappan	W6158 Church Rd	2-26-09
Allen Weiske	W6189 Church Rd	2-26-09
Armon Nubel	N3567 Hickory	2-27-09
Chris Stichel	N3567 Hickory Rd	2-27-09
Alfred G. Smith	N3604 HICKORY RD	2-27-09
Bruce Willis	W6367 Church Rd	2-27-09
Doug Bantert	W6482 Church Rd	3-2-09
Gene Baier	W6626 Prairie Rd	3-2-09

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Warren Bailer	W6626 Prairie Rd	3-2-09
Jon Kuechenberg	W5844 Church Rd	3-2-09
Dawn Kuechenberg	W5844 Church Rd.	3-2-09
Bellene Sweet	N4763 Martin Rd	3-4-09
Janet DeMunn	W5822 Church Rd.	3-4-09
Andy Becker	N3738 Hwy 175	3-4-09
Mark Kuechenberg	W6153 Church Rd	3/4/09
Mark Greshbach	W6427 Church Rd	3/4/09
Mary Kuechenberg	N3712 Hwy 175	3/5/09
Danny / Beth	N3738 Hwy 175	3/5/09
Levi Jovan	N4002 Hickory Rd FDI	3/5/09
Victor Janson	N4002 Hickory Rd FDI	3/5/09
Ervin W. Kraft	N3924 River Rd Oakfield	3/5/09
Kathleen Kraft	N3924 River Rd. Oakfield	3/5/09
R. R.	N3702 Hickory Rd	3/5/09
Mary Ellen Greshbach	W6427 Church Rd	3-7-09

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Robert Hungerford	N3783 River Rd, Oakfield WI 53065	2-25-09
Jim Hungerford	N3751 River Rd Oakfield	2-25-09
Jack Hungerford	N3751 River Rd Oakfield	2-25-09
Chris Smith	N5506 Boyke Dr FDL	2/27/09 ^{Property owner}
Steve Smith	N5506 Boyke Dr. FDL	2/27/09 ^{Property owner}
Patty Hungerford	N3783 River Rd Oakfield	2/28/09
Rickie Paudala	N3859 River Road Oakfield	2/28/09
Kurt Paudala	N3859 River Rd Oakfield	2-28-09
Wanda L. Schmitt	N3821 RIVER RD OAKFIELD	2-28-09
Jane A. Schmitt	N3821 River Road Oakfield	2/28/09
John A. Schmitt	N3821 River Road Oakfield	2/28/09
John A. Schmitt	N3550 River Rd Oakfield	2/28/09
Linda Jorgensen	N3696 River Rd Oak	2/28/09
Kelley Hundtmark	N3821 W 6856 Hwy F Brownville WI 53004	
John Marin	N 3512 River Road Oakfield	
Pat Marin	N 3512 River Road Oakfield WI.	
Georgene Autos	71 3704 River Rd Oakfield WI	

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Name	Address	Date
Scot P. Shyer	N3291 Hickory Rd. Brownsville	03-05-09
Matthew Shyer	N3291 Hickory Rd. Brownsville	03-07-09
Krista Shyer	N3291 Hickory Rd Brownsville	03-08-09
Marion Shyer	W6449 CTY. RD F	03-09-09
Joly Indul	W6449 CTY F	3/10/09

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Joan Duell	114075 River Rd	3-1-09	
David Nlasterman	114075 River Rd	3-1-09	
Elizabeth Bravaglia	N3940 Hickory Rd	3-1-09	
Wendy U. Johnson	1079 Grassy Plains, Appleton 54916	3-1-09	Property owner - Town of Byron
John B. Kuntz	N3865 River Road	3-1-09	
Denny C. Kotick	N3865 River Rd	3-1-09	
David & Kenyon	178 E Wagon St. Oakfield	3-1-09	Property owner - Town of Byron
Richard Reehl	N3770 River Rd	3-3-09	
Dorey Reehl	N3770 River Rd	3-3-09	
Karyn Hengst	6538 Bridge Ct Allenton, WI	3-4-09	PROPERTY OWNER - Town of Byron
John J. [Signature]	6538 BRIDGE CT ALLENTON, WI	3-4-09	PROPERTY OWNER - Town of Byron
[Signature]	2919 WINDY LAKE COUNTRY, WI 54909	3-5-2009	PROPERTY OWNER - Town of Byron

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Curt Kindschuh	W6279 Hwy F, Brownsville	03.01.09
Patricia Voornbergen	W6274 W Byron Rd	3-1-09
Berry Meyer	W6249 City Rd Y 53006	3-1-9
Cheryl Meyer	W6249 City Rd Y 53006	3-1-09
Gaye Kindschuh	W6520 City Rd F 53006	3/1/09
Harry Bragg	W6521 City Rd F 53006	3-1-09
John Hansen	W6287 Hwy F 53006	3-1-09
Jackie Hansen	W6287 Hwy F 53006	3-1-09
Cricket Kindschuh	W6279 Hwy F Brownville	3/3/09
Leale Greyford	W6634 City Rd F Brownsville	3/8/09
Carl Harrmann	W6634 County Trk F Brownsville	3/10/09
Pat Greyford	W6634 Hwy F Brownsville	3/10/09

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Bruce Jorgensen	N3696 River Rd Oakfield	3/4/09
Tim	N3671 Mill Pond Rd	3/4/09
Mark Loe	N3671 Mill Pond Rd	3/5/09
George Treuore	N3551 River Rd Oakfield	3/9/09
McKillop	N3501 River Rd Oakfield	3/10/09